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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 January 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 - 18 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 – 4, 6, 8 – 10, 12, 15, 17, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mizutome et al. (Publication No. 2002/0078447).

As to claim 1, Mizutome et al. teaches:

A display device (see e.g., Fig. 1) that is capable of displaying predetermined display information (see e.g., para. [0088]; i.e., seven genres are used as predetermined information for displaying on the layout selected by the user) in each of a plurality of display areas (see e.g., para. [0081] – para. [0082]; i.e., the user is able to select preset screen layouts for displaying information), the display device comprising: a display unit configured to display said display information (see e.g., para. [0076]; display 114); a setting unit configured to set display control information that represents the relationship between the display information (see e.g., para. [0083]; history database storage unit 132 is used to store layouts and genre information); and a display control unit configured to control said display unit to display the display information so as to be displayed in each of the plurality of display areas (see e.g., para. [0091]; CPU 123 decides which window is used to display each window), based on the display control information

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set by the setting unit (see e.g., para. [0091] – para. [0092]; i.e., the parameters are extracted by CPU 123 by referring to a register value regarding display control in the graphics accelerator 115), wherein, when the display control unit detects an event (see e.g., Fig. 17A – 17C and para. [0117]; i.e., arrival of an e-mail) corresponding to a predetermined display information (see e.g., Fig. 17A – 17C and para. [0117] – para. [0118]; i.e., history of how user treats interrupts, such as an arrival of an e-mail, corresponds to the predetermined display information) displayed in a predetermined area (see e.g., Fig. 17A – 17C and para. [0117] – para. [0118]; i.e., the system automatically opens the e-mail on the right side of the screen after three seconds), the display control unit controls said display unit to present the occurrence of the event to the user (see e.g., Fig. 17A – 17C and para. [0117] – para. [0118]).

As to claim 2, Mizutome et al. teaches:

A display device according to claim 1, wherein the display control unit controls said display unit (see e.g., para. [0078]; i.e., CPU 123 consists of parameter detecting unit 131 for detecting display parameter of each window) to switch display area for displaying said predetermined display information (see e.g., Fig. 18A – 18D and para. [0122] – para. [0125]; automatically switching display of Fig. 18A to Fig. 18B-18D).

As to claim 3, Mizutome et al. teaches:

A display device according to claim 1, wherein display control unit controls said display unit (see e.g., para. [0078]; i.e., CPU 123) to switch the size of said predetermined display area (see e.g., Fig. 17A – 17B and para. [0117]; i.e., arrival of e-mail switches size of display area).

As to claim 4, Mizutome et al. teaches:

A display device according to claim 1, wherein, the setting unit (see e.g., para. [0078]) sets information representing the priority of the display information as the display control

information (see e.g., Fig. 17 – Fig. 18 and para. [0079]; history database storage unit 132 is used for storing a user's history, wherein the broadcast show depicted in Fig. 18A has priority over other display information, such as “news headline” and “weather reports”), and wherein, the display control unit controls the display unit (see e.g., para. [0078]; i.e., CPU 123 consists of parameter detecting unit 131 for detecting display parameter of each window) to display the display information as to be displayed in each of the plurality of the display areas (see e.g., Fig. 17 – Fig. 18), based on the information representing the priority (see e.g., Fig. 17 – Fig. 18; i.e., Fig. 18A has priority over “news headline” and “weather reports”).

As to claim 6, Mizutome et al. teaches:

A display device according to claim 1, wherein, the display control unit controls said display unit (see e.g., para. [0078]; i.e., CPU 123 consists of parameter detecting unit 131 for detecting display parameter of each window) to display a program in said predetermined display area, as the display information (see e.g., Fig. 22 and para. [0136] – para. [0137]; i.e., past viewing and listening history defines the layout for Fig. 22, wherein the time frame of 6a.m. and 7a.m. will display “headline news” and the “weather report” on the right side of the display).

As to claim 8, Mizutome et al. teaches:

A display device according to claim 1, wherein the display control unit controls said display unit (see e.g., para. [0078]; i.e., CPU 123 consists of parameter detecting unit 131 for detecting display parameter of each window) to display the information corresponding to e-mail (see e.g., Fig. 17A – 17C and para. [0117]; i.e., e-mail) in said predetermined display area, as the display information (see e.g., Fig. 17A – 17C para. [0075] and para. [0117]; i.e., right side of screen will display e-mail due to user history and predefined layout).

As to claim 9, Mizutome et al. teaches:

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A display device according to claim 8, wherein the display control unit detects reception of e-mail as the event (see e.g., Fig. 17A – 17C and para. [0117]; i.e., arrival of e-mail).

As to claim 10, Mizutome et al. teaches:

A display device according to claim 1, wherein, the display control unit controls said display unit (see e.g., para. [0078]; i.e., CPU 123 consists of parameter detecting unit 131 for detecting display parameter of each window) to display a picture from a camera (see e.g., para. [0070]; i.e., image data of a digital camera) acquired through inter-net (see e.g., para. [0087]; i.e., internet) in said predetermined display area, as the display information (see e.g., para. [0071] – para. [0075]).

As to claim 12, Mizutome et al. teaches:

A display device according to claim 1, wherein, the display control unit controls said display unit (see e.g., para. [0078]; i.e., CPU 123 consists of parameter detecting unit 131 for detecting display parameter of each window) to display a weather information in said predetermined display area, as the display information (see e.g., Fig. 18A – 18D and para. [0125]; i.e., weather forecast displayed on bottom right corner of display).

As to claim 15, Mizutome et al. teaches:

A display device according to claim 1, wherein, the display control unit controls said display unit (see e.g., para. [0078]; i.e., CPU 123 consists of parameter detecting unit 131 for detecting display parameter of each window) to display a schedule (see e.g., para. [0089]; i.e., EPG displaying of scheduler) in said predetermined display area, as the display information (see e.g., para. [0075]; i.e., predetermined screen layout).

As to claim 17, Mizutome et al. teaches:

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A display method of a display device (see e.g., Fig. 1) that is capable of displaying predetermined display information (see e.g., para. [0088]; i.e., seven genres are used as predetermined information for displaying on the layout selected by the user) in each of a plurality of display areas (see e.g., Fig. 18 and para. [0081] – para. [0082]; i.e., the user is able to select preset screen layouts for displaying information) of a display unit (see e.g., para. [0076]; display 114), the display method comprising the steps of: setting display control information that represents the relationship between the display area and the display information, based on user inputs (see e.g., para. [0081] and para. [0083]; history database storage unit 132 is used to store layouts and genre information defined by the user); controlling said display unit to display the display information as to be displayed in each of the plurality of display areas (see e.g., para. [0091]; CPU 123 decides which window is used to display each window), based on the display control information set in a predetermined area (see e.g., para. [0091] – para. [0092]; i.e., the parameters are extracted by CPU 123 by referring to a register value regarding display control in the graphics accelerator 115); detecting an event (see e.g., Fig. 17A – 17C and para. [0117]; i.e., arrival of an e-mail) corresponding to a predetermined display information (see e.g., Fig. 17A – 17C and para. [0117] – para. [0118]; i.e., history of how user treats interrupts, such as an arrival of an e-mail, corresponds to the predetermined display information) displayed in a predetermined area (see e.g., Fig. 17A – 17C and para. [0117] – para. [0118]; i.e., the system automatically opens the e-mail on the right side of the screen after three seconds); and controlling said display unit to switch a display area for displaying said predetermined display information (see e.g., Fig. 17A – 17C and para. [0117]; i.e., arrival of e-mail will minimize the size of the initial display in order to display the e-mail on the right side of the screen) or the size of said predetermined

display area (see e.g., Fig. 17 – Fig. 18), when said event is detected in the detecting step (see e.g., para. [0117]; i.e., arrival of an e-mail).

As to claim 18, Mizutome et al. teaches:

As to claim 18, claim 18 differs from claim 17 only in that claim 18 is an apparatus claim using a recording medium (see e.g., para. [0079]; i.e., RAM 122) containing a computer-readable program (see e.g., para. [0184]; i.e., software program) that is executed by a computer (see e.g., para. [0060]; i.e., CPU 123) to perform the steps of claim 18. Thus, claim 18 is analyzed with respect to claim 17 as previously discussed above.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mizutome et al. (Publication No. 2002/0078447) in view of Chen et al. (Publication No. 2002/0169893).

As to claim 5, this claim is analyzed with respect to claim 1 as previously discussed above. Mizutome et al. teaches a setting unit (see e.g., para. [0083]; history database storage unit 132 is used to store layouts and genre information) used to set the display control information (see e.g., para. [0091] – para. [0092]; i.e., the parameters are extracted by CPU 123 by referring to a register value regarding display control in the graphics accelerator 115) to display information in a predetermined display area (see e.g., Fig. 17 – Fig. 18 and para. [0081]; i.e., preset layout for displaying information history), but does not specifically mention the

information representing a link item that another display device uses to display the display information displayed in the display area. Chen et al. teaches synchronizing the displaying of hyperlinks, text data, graphical data, application program data, video data, and audio data (see e.g., para. [0011]; i.e., the plurality of data is synchronized between a plurality of users) on a plurality of windows, which is made available to synchronized users (see e.g., para. [0039]; i.e., the data on a particular users display device is synchronized and made available to other user devices). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the setting unit used to set the display control information to display information in a predetermined display area of Mizutome et al. with the synchronization of display information of Chen et al. because Chen et al.'s linked system provides a system and method for synchronizing computer data that allows work to be conducted from a remote location (see e.g., para. [0010]).

Claims 7 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mizutome et al. (Publication No. 2002/0078447) in view of Klein et al. (Patent No. 6,064,303).

As to claim 7, this claim is analyzed with respect to claim 6 as previously discussed above. Mizutome et al. teaches a display control unit (see e.g., para. [0078]; i.e., CPU 123 consists of parameter detecting unit 131 for detecting display parameter of each window) and an event (see e.g., Fig. 17A – 17B and para. [0117]; i.e., arrival of e-mail switches size of display area), but does not specifically mention detecting sound volume exceeding predetermined threshold value in a program, as the event. Klein et al. teaches detecting sound volume exceeding predetermined threshold value in a program, as the event (see e.g., col. 2, lines 41 – 61; i.e., the home security system has environmental input devices that detects a threshold event, such as an

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abrupt increase in the amplitude of a particular sound frequency). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate a display control unit and an event of Mizutome et al. with detecting sound volume exceeding a predetermined threshold value in a program, as the event of Klein et al. because the sound detection security system has the ability of diagnosing the presence of an intruder and informing the police by broadcasting a pre-recorded voice data file that includes the address of the house (see e.g., col. 3, lines 10 – 24).

As to claim 11, this claim is analyzed with respect to claim 10 as previously discussed above. Mizutome et al. teaches a display control unit (see e.g., para. [0078]; i.e., CPU 123 consists of parameter detecting unit 131 for detecting display parameter of each window), but does not specifically mention the display control unit detects a person in said picture as an event. Klein et al. teaches the display control unit detects a person in said picture as an event (see e.g., col. 2, lines 42 – 61; i.e., video camera for detecting movement against a normal background exceeds a threshold). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the display control unit of Mizutome et al. with the display control unit detects a person in said picture as an event of Klein et al. because the sound detection security system has the ability of diagnosing the presence of an intruder and informing the police by broadcasting a pre-recorded voice data file that includes the address of the house (see e.g., col. 3, lines 10 – 24).

Claims 13, 14 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mizutome et al. (Publication No. 2002/0078447) in view of Santoro et al. (Patent No. 6,724,403).

As to claim 13, Mizutome et al. teaches a display control unit controls said display unit (see e.g., para. [0078]; i.e., CPU 123 consists of parameter detecting unit 131 for detecting display parameter of each window), and a predetermined display area for displaying information (see e.g., Fig. 17 – Fig. 18 and para. [0081]; i.e., preset layout for displaying information history), but does not specifically mention displaying information concerning the user's community in said predetermined display area, as the display information. Santoro et al. teaches a grid of tiles used to access information, such as video clips, e-mail messages, television shows, Internet sites, application programs, data files and folders, live video streams, music, radio shows, and any other information stored locally or available through a modem (see e.g., col. 4, lines 34 – 54). Thus, the previously discussed information displayed on the grid, such as Internet sites, would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to include information concerning the user's community. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have incorporate a display control unit controls said display unit of Mizutome et al. with the displaying of information in tiles of a grid of Santoro et al. because the graphical interface facilitates the organization and management of multiple data sources corresponding to a user's needs and interest (see e.g., col. 4, lines 34 – 37).

As to claim 14, this claim is analyzed with respect to claim 1. Mizutome et al. teaches a display control unit controls (see e.g., para. [0078]; i.e., CPU 123 consists of parameter detecting unit 131 for detecting display parameter of each window), and a predetermined display area for displaying information (see e.g., Fig. 17 – Fig. 18 and para. [0081]; i.e., preset layout for displaying information history), but does not specifically mention displaying a to-do list in said predetermined display area, as the display information. Santoro et al. teaches displaying a to-do list in said predetermined display area, as the display information (see e.g., Fig. 4 and col. 9,

lines 5 – 8; i.e., it is appreciated by one of ordinary skill in the art that a text document can be a to-do list). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the display control unit controls said display unit to display information in a predetermined area of Mizutome et al. with displaying a to-do list in said predetermined display area, as the display information of Santoro et al. because the graphical interface facilitates the organization and management of multiple data sources corresponding to a user's needs and interest (see e.g., col. 4, lines 34 –37).

As to claim 16, this claim is analyzed with respect to claim 1 as previously discussed above. Mizutome et al. teaches a display control unit controls said display unit (see e.g., para. [0078]; i.e., CPU 123 consists of parameter detecting unit 131 for detecting display parameter of each window), and a predetermined display area for displaying information (see e.g., Fig. 17 – Fig. 18 and para. [0081]; i.e., preset layout for displaying information history), but does not specifically mention displaying an advertisement in said predetermined display area, as the display information. Santoro et al. teaches displaying an advertisement in said predetermined display area, as the display information (see e.g., Fig. 1 and col. 6, lines 39 – 51; i.e., advertisement corresponds to electronic goods for sale displayed in grid 1). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the display control unit controls said display unit to display information in a predetermined area of Mizutome et al. with displaying an advertisement in said predetermined display area, as the display information of Santoro et al. because the graphical interface facilitates the organization and management of multiple data sources corresponding to a user's needs and interest (see e.g., col. 4, lines 34 –37).

Inquiries

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Henry Vuu whose telephone number is (571) 270-1048. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Weilun Lo can be reached on (571) 272-4847. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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